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March 2008 HIKES AND PROGRAMS – rev. 0

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs. **Scenic Drive hours 6am to 7 pm March 1 – 31st.**

*Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area & all entry or recreation fees apply.

We would like to warmly thank our volunteers for their dedicated contributions to the monthly Red Rock Canyon programs.



Hikes

Sat. 1st, Pine Creek: Let's look for bighorn and explore the old homestead with Pat. Moderate, 3-4 miles.

Sat. 1st, Geology Jumble: Why are the rock red? What are Indian marbles? Where is the Keystone Thrust? Why are there seashells in the desert? To find out these answers and more, bring your questions to this 3 mile hike along the Keystone Thrust trail. Easy/moderate.

Sun. 2nd, Cave Canyon: Let's do a little spelunking and explore the cave in Cave Canyon with George. Inside the cave, there's a large cavern and 3 levels to explore. The trail ends at a dry falls where we'll scramble up the side of the canyon to the cave entrance where we'll explore. **Bring a flashlight.** Moderate, 3 miles.

Mon. 3rd, Monday at the Rock: Not a long hike, but the Willow Springs/Lost Creek Trails are enough of a scramble to satisfy your Monday morning hiking needs with Jen. We will see rock shelters, various cacti, lots of moss and great views of Red Rock. Moderate, 2 miles.

Tues. 4th, Cave Canyon: Climb to one of the roomy caves located in the canyon with Chris, then on to a great view point for the city of Las Vegas. Moderate-strenuous, 7 miles with gain of 1200'.

Fri. 7th, Juniper Canyon: Climb up the steepest canyon in the Red Rock Escarpment with Chris, looking for climbers on either side. Stren., 6 miles, 1600' gain.

Sat. 8th, Plant Wise: Learn to amaze your family & friends with your botanical knowledge on this 3 mile hike along the Knoll/Arnight Trails. By learning to recognize just half a dozen "indicator" plants, you can estimate your elevation and more. Easy/moderate.

Sun. 9th, White Rock Loop: Join George on this 6 mile moderate hike that is a "for most all" level hike and has breathtaking views around White Rock Mtn.

Sun. 9th, Calico Tanks: Join Carleton and Carol for this popular hike through the Calico Hills to a tinaja. We'll discuss the history of the Sandstone Quarry at the beginning of the hike. Moderate, 3 miles.

Mon. 10th, Monday at the Rock: Head down the Pine Creek trail, then off to the north (right) side of Mescalito Peak with Jen. There is scrambling involved, but it is worth it to get to Fern Canyon! Moderate-strenuous, 4-5 miles.

Tues. 11th, Grey Peak: Hike with Peppe from Sandstone Quarry to a "great" peak by way of

Brownstone Canyon. Strenuous, 6 miles.

Wed. 12th, Moenkopi Morning: Join Janis to begin your day with a scenic hike along the Moenkopi Trail. Easy, 2.25 miles.

Fri. 14th, Mountain Spring Peak: Hike to the top of the peak overlooking Black Velvet Canyon with Chris using a series of gravel roads and trails. Strenuous, 7 miles, 1100 feet of vertical gain.

Sat. 15th, Keystone Thrust: Explore the Keystone Thrust with Pat and see up close the natural beauty of Red Rock Canyon. Moderate, 3-4 mi.

Sun. 16th, Exploring Calico Tanks and Boy Scout Overlook: Start this 4 mile scrambling adventure at Sandstone Quarry with George. Then, up to Red Cap, over to Calico Tanks, on to Boy Scout Overlook, finally, down to the 2nd pullout on the Scenic Drive. You'll experience spectacular views on this strenuous hike.

Mon. 17th, Monday at the Rock: We may not see a rainbow, but there is a large pot of golden sandstone at the end of this hike with Jen! The Keystone Thrust will allow you to see a thrust fault line up close, various plants and great views of Red Rock on this lucky day!. Moderate, 3 miles.

Tues. 18th, White Rock Peak: Instead of going around White Rock, we'll climb to the top with Peppe. Strenuous, 6 miles.

Wed. 19th, Lost Creek and Beyond: Hike along the Lost Creek and Willow Spring Trails with Janis, where we will see some pictographs, seasonal waterfall and the remains of an agave roasting pit. Moderate, 3 miles.

Fri. 21st, First Creek Overlook Peak: This 5 mile strenuous hike will climb through a series of rocky drainages from Lovell Canyon to the top of the peak above First Creek Canyon. Gain of 1200'.

Sat. 22nd, Birding with the Ranger: Join Ranger Jim on a fascinating excursion into the world of nature, and observe the real life of birds. Easy, 1 mile.

Sat. 22nd, Wildflower Discovery I: This is the first in a series of combo hikes and spring wildflower discovery with Bob. Complete this series in March and April, and you'll have seen a significant number of RRC wildflowers (total 350), provided we get winter rain. Enjoy a great view along an established trail on Badger Pass. Moderate, 4.5 miles.

Sat. 22nd, Majestic Landscapes: Explore Arnight Trail to Dale's Trail to the SMYC Trail. These trails take you through 7 miles of diverse landscape along the base of the Red Rock escarpment. Moderate/strenuous.

Sun. 23rd, Brownstone Canyon: George loves to explore this area. We'll go from Sandstone Quarry through Gateway pass, down a wash, up another wash, then pass a couple of tanks before heading back. 6 miles, strenuous.

Tues. 25th, Nature Journaling for Everyone!: Ever wanted to try nature journaling but did not know where to begin? Today, all of your problems are solved. Just bring yourself and a love for nature. After a short hike, we'll work on our nature journals. No experience necessary and all supplies included. Easy. Ages 10+, limited space.

Fri. 28th, Windy Peak: According to Chris, this is one of the best viewing points on the south end of the escarpment. Strenuous, 6 miles, 1100' gain.

Sat. 29th, Rattlesnake Myths: When it comes to these well adapted reptiles, you definitely cannot believe everything you hear. Calico Tank Trail/Moderate, 2 miles.

Sat. 29th, SMYC: Hike along with Pat to the SMYC trail and maybe even Lost Creek where you will look for signs of water. Moderate, 3-4 miles.

Sun. 30th, Mescalito Peak: From the top, you'll get great views of Pine Creek and the Valley. There is great bouldering and scrambling on this hike with George.

Sun. 30th, La Madre Spring: Join Carleton and Carol on a hike up an old road, past a couple of

old homestead foundations and finally reaching a nice cool pool. Moderate, 4 miles, 680' ascent.

Mon. 31st, Monday at the Rock: This is a classic must do hike at Red Rock with Jen. For our last March Monday, we will hike 6 miles along the White Rock Loop trail. This hike offers exercise, great views and plentiful plants. Moderate.

Visitor Center programs :

Sat. 1st, Star Party! : Join the Las Vegas Astronomical Society to look out into the ages with their telescopes or yours. 6-9p.m. at the Red Rock Visitor Center .The entrance gates close at 6:30 pm so come before that time. No sign up needed.

Sat. 1st, 8th, 21st and 28th Red Rock Up Close: Take a close look at the flora, fauna or geology of Red Rock and the surrounding Mojave Desert with Carleton and Carol during this presentation at the Visitor Center. On-going from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. No sign-up required.

Fri. 7th, Power Point-Features and Fun: Start your hiking day off with a Power Point overview of a number of the plant, animal and scenic highlights and fun-to-do things at Red Rock. No sign-up required. Visitor Center from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM; 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Sat. 8, Living Symbols of the West: Have you ever wanted to go back in time? Now you can experience the living West today. The National Wild Horse Association, in conjunction with the BLM, will have a wild horse or burro on display for public interaction at the Visitor Center from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please come and learn more about these beautiful animals. No sign-up needed.

Tues. 11th, Birds of Red Rock Canyon: Ranger Jim will conduct a power point program about the birds of Red Rock. If you want to help with the bird count, this class is a must. No sign-up needed.

Sat. 15th, The Other History of Red Rock: Ranger Jim will present a power point talk and discussion on the pioneer history of Red Rock along with a field trip to historical sites. Walk and talk.

Thurs. 20th, Tort Talks: Learn some interesting facts about Nevada's state reptile, the desert tortoise! No sign-up required. On-going at Visitor Center from 10:00 AM-12:00.

Kid programs

Sat. 8th, Jr. Naturalists: Bring the little ones out to Red Rock for a fun and interactive program about the mammals that live here! Kids will hear stories, play a game and make a craft to take home. Siblings are always welcome. Ages 2-5. Limited space. Easy.

Sat. 15th, Jr. Hikers Club: Let's journey through time and take a look at what Red Rock used to be, what it is, and what it may become. Kids will partake in hands-on activities, exploration, interactive games and a fun project to learn about Red Rock. Ages 6-12. Limited space.

Other programs

Sat. 1st, 8th, 15, 29rd, Blue Sky Yoga: Tune up your mind, body and spirit with Cheryl, a certified yoga instructor, while enjoying the peace and serenity of Red Rock.

Sun. 2nd, & 16th, Mountain Bike Madness: No experience is necessary for this introductory mountain bike ride with Jen and John starting from the Late Night Parking lot. The 6 miler will be a great way to start new to the sport or dust off an old frame. **Helmets are required.**

Age and space limits

Sat Feb 23rd & March 1, Teacher Workshop- Mojave Max, My life in the Desert:
Teachers, substitutes and other group leaders are invited to learn more about this special threatened species , the desert tortoise. Those who complete both days are eligible to check out a teaching kit for their own programs. Contact the Clark Co. PDE office at (702)799-1921

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